Pending schemes under Forest Conservation Act in Madhya Pradesh

†2330. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes of Madhya Pradesh under the Forest Conservation Act that are pending with Government; and

(b) by when these schemes would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):(a) and (b) 19 projects proposals received from State of Madhya Pradesh are under various stages of scrutiny in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. These proposals are considered and decided upon in a time-bound manner as per the guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.

Indira Gandhi Environment Award

†2331. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi Environment award is given by his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the Indira Gandhi Environment award given since 1999 till today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This national award, instituted by the Ministry in 1987 is given annually in recognition of exceptional and outstanding contributions in the field of environment. From the year 2005 onwards, one prize of Rs.5,00,000/- along with a silver lotus trophy under the organization category and two prizes of Rs.3,00,000/- and Rs. 2,00,000/- each to individuals in the individual category along with silver lotus trophy shall be given annually. Any citizen of India or organization working in India for the cause of environment is eligible for this award. The Prize

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.